

BURNED TO DEATH.

Horrible Incident of a Destructive Fire at Bellaire.

GEO. STEWART CREMATED ALIVE.

The Union Window Glass Works Is Burned to the Ground,

ENTAILING A LOSS OF \$53,000.

Too Great a Pressure of Natural Gas the Supposed Cause.

SEVERAL MEN NARROWLY ESCAPE.

One of the Most Destructive and Horrible Fires Known in This Community for Years Occurs in a Leading Bellaire Factory, Wiping It Out of Existence—A Prominent and Respected Young Man Meets a Shocking Death—The Losses and the Insurance.

One of the most destructive fires that has visited Bellaire in a long time occurred last night. The Union glass works, lying opposite the steel works, burned down completely, the factory, work house and office going up in smoke. The fire beginning at a comparatively early hour, an immense crowd gathered at the scene. The fire department arrived early on the ground, but was unable to cope with the flames, owing to the inflammable nature of the materials feeding the blaze.

At half past nine o'clock the watchman at the factory noticed a fire in the pot room under the works. By the time he first saw it the interior had been almost entirely eaten away. He gave the alarm instantly, and in a short time the fire department arrived on the ground. Much difficulty was experienced in getting water, of which there was plenty, to the flames. The fire plugs are a good ways off from the factory.

SIX HUNDRED FEET OF HOSE were used to connect to one of the plugs and even then the flames were barely reached. An immense crowd had gathered to view the sight and though attempts were made to keep the people back, several gained access to the works. No one had any idea that the fire had raged so long underneath, and that the supports of the floor had been destroyed. Dan McClelland, Larry Cullen, George Jones and George Stewart were standing on the floor watching the fire, when suddenly, to the horror of the crowd outside, the floor gave way and

PRECIPITATED THE FOUR MEN into the yawning hole. Several men immediately ran up to the outside of the pit, and succeeded with great difficulty in pulling McClelland, Cullen and Jones out alive. Stewart could not be seen, though every effort was made to find him.

Some thought that he might have got out in a different place. In the meantime the flames had spread more and more. The factory was doomed, and the firemen turned their efforts to endeavor to save the warehouse and office building. Their efforts were in vain, though they worked like Trojans, and by 11 o'clock, only an hour and a half after the fire had first been discovered, the entire plant was a heap of ashes.

Word was sent up to Mr. Stewart's home. Nobody had seen him there, nor had any of his friends caught sight of him, after the fearful plunge into the burning furnace. A systematic search was now made for his body. Though the pot room was still at a fiery heat, the brave searchers ventured in, and at last found the body of the unfortunate young man. He was sitting, a ghastly sight, upright on a bench. All his clothing, except some fragments of the vest, was burned off the body, which was roasted in a shocking manner. The heat had been so intense that

THE HEART WAS PROTRUDING from the body. The remains were picked up and taken in a conveyance to the undertaker's, and the coroner notified.

The death of young George Stewart will cause a general feeling of horror wherever he was known. He was the younger son of the late W. C. Stewart, a well known official of the Bellaire rail works for years and a prominent iron man, and a brother of Will Stewart, secretary of the Bellaire Stamping company. He was a bright and intelligent young man, highly respected by all who knew him for his integrity, and there are few men of his age in this valley who can be regarded as having as bright a promise before them as he had last night. The shocking and horrible manner of his death but adds to the general feeling of sorrow and sympathy for the bereaved family.

THE LOSS AND INSURANCE.

The Union window glass works were built about eight years ago, and were equipped with all modern appliances. It was operated by a joint stock company, of which D. J. Smith is secretary, and J. T. Adams manager. The loss is estimated at \$53,000. The factory was insured for \$35,000. Husband & Inskeep placed the bulk of the insurance; Andrew Roeder and Cowen & Cowen had also placed policies on the plant. The company is a solid concern, and the presumption is that it will rebuild.

The reflection of the fire was seen in Wheeling, but for a long time nothing definite was known as to its whereabouts. Passengers on the C. & P. got a close view of the fire from the West Virginia side of the river. They brought to Wheeling the first certain news that the general public knew of the matter.

THE DECISION RESERVED.

In the Case of Night Watchman Murdock.

The hearing of John Murdock, the night watchman, who gave himself up Sunday night, saying he was the man who shot at H. J. Felber last Thursday morning, was held before Squire Arkle yesterday evening. Murdock admitted the shooting but denied that he had wanted to hit Felber, and said he had been drinking hard the night before, and thought Felber was hunting a revolver. Squire Arkle reserved his decision until 7 p. m. Thursday.

Edward Weitzel, accused of assault and battery on complaint of his wife, was before the same justice. The hearing was continued over till 2 p. m. Wednesday.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

LAWRENCE SHEPPARD, head waiter at the Brunswick Hotel, has gone home to Middlebourne on a visit.

THERE will be an apron social held at St. Paul's German Evangelical church, next Friday and Saturday.

The John Foster who was arraigned in the police court yesterday was not the molder who works at the Belmont.

The Young People's Society of the St. James German Lutheran church will hold a bazaar at Arion hall on Wednesday.

At 8 o'clock this morning seats will be reserved at the Y. M. C. A. building for Prof. R. L. Cumcock's readings next Friday evening.

THOMAS ROBINSON, of the South Side, has returned home, having given up his job at Findlay. He will go to work in Hobbs' glass house.

An electric motor jumped the track on Market street near Menckemeller's drug store, yesterday, and delayed travel for about twenty minutes.

THOMAS CARROLL yesterday qualified as executor of the will of Sarah Carroll, deceased, and gave bond in the sum of \$500, with Patrick Kennedy as surety.

A THIN sheet of ice was formed on Wheeling creek yesterday for its entire length, in the city, at least, the first coating of ice it has had this season.

The work of grading the Terminal company's yard east of the Union station goes right along. Another track is being laid up to the passenger station.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Hospital Association will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 sharp. The annual fee is then due, which fact the ladies should not overlook.

The committee on court house and jail of the Board of County Commissioners will meet to-day to audit the monthly bills, and to-morrow the full board will meet for auditing purposes.

SAMUEL KNOX was yesterday arraigned before Squire Phillips on a charge of stealing an overcoat, and in default of bail he was sent to jail to secure his appearance for a preliminary hearing to-day.

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HEALY has received an invitation, gotten up in very artistic style, to attend the ball of the Powell, Rodewig and Maule racing team of the Bellaire fire department.

TEX car loads of steel rails were yesterday transferred by the Terminal company from the Pittsburgh division of the Baltimore & Ohio road to the Wheeling & Lake Erie road for use on that company's line over the river.

THE ladies who have been interested in getting up a bazaar for the benefit of the new Hospital and Missions, will receive their friends at the residence of Mrs. J. N. Vance, Tuesday evening, December 1. Supper from 5:30 to 8 o'clock.

ABOUT 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the last of the sheeling timbers was put on the false arch at the Main street bridge. The work of laying the stones cannot begin, however, until these timbers have all been shaved to the exact line of the arch.

MARY MURRAY, the night cook at Van Keuren's hotel, stumbled yesterday evening over a piece of gas pipe which had been left lying in the hallway by some person unknown. She fell on her back, painfully injuring it, and also hurt her foot.

"BIRDS OF A FEATHER," in which Marie Sailer will be seen, is to be produced in a sumptuous manner. The play is built on American lines, and the author, Herbert Hull Winslow, styles it "a melodramatic comedy." The company is an adequate one in every particular, while the scenic and other effects will be most expensive. It will be at the Opera House Friday and Saturday next.

DAVE GRANT, the barber, has a 'coon which is eight years and a half old, and is the same old coon that has figured prominently in Republican campaigns in all that time. Lately the neighbors and patrons of Grant have fed the coon so that he was getting too fat, and Dave sent him out in the country to breathe the fresh air and live on plain grass. If nothing happens to him he expects to have him at the Minneapolis convention as a specimen of West Virginia's products.

THE COMING FOOT RACE.

McClelland is Ready to Accept all Business-Like Challenges after this.

E. C. McClelland, the foot racer, writes to the sporting editor of the INTELLIGENCER that the admission to the race he is to run on the State Fair Grounds next Saturday will be 25 cents. He gives Andy Seibert, of Pittsburgh, a half-mile start in five miles. The race will be run, rain or shine. It is for \$250 a side, the winner to take all the money.

McClelland adds that he sees by the Police Gazette that George Oliver, of Pittsburgh, says he is willing to put up \$100 to back Jack McCabe, of Brownsville, in a ten-mile race with McClelland and Peter Priddy, of Pittsburgh. McClelland says he will run a sweepstakes race of ten miles with the two, each man to put up \$250, the winner to take \$500 of the stakes and 75 per cent of the gate money, and the second man \$250 and 25 per cent of the gate money. Or he shall run McCabe a straight sweepstakes race for \$250 each, or if Priddy will not enter he will run McCabe a ten-mile race for \$500 or for \$1,000 a side, to be run in four weeks after signing the articles and on an indoor track. If Oliver means business he is invited to put up his \$100 forfeit with the Police Gazette or Police News.

A LARGE number of dudes collected at an exposed corner last Sabbath, where the wind was high, and caught colds. Each little darling was speedily cured by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Look to your interest. You can buy Salvation Oil, the great pain-cure, for 25 cents.

Special Sale. Forty-one pair Ladies' Silk Top Hand Sewed Button Shoes, E. C. Burt's make, regular \$9 Shoe, for \$3 to close them out. L. V. BLOND.

The members of the Wheeling Athletic Club respectfully invite their gentlemen friends to a match game of hand ball at their rooms, this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock.

ALOSZO L. ST. MYERS, Secretary.

UNIQUE designs in the latest Silver Novelties at WHEAT & HANCHER'S.

The Wheeling Building Association is still open for new members. Meets Saturday evenings at office of Franklin Insurance Company, No. 34 Twelfth street.

H. E. HILLMAN & CO. are selling 14k solid gold watches, with fancy dial and link band, at 10 per cent lower than any other house in the city.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

THE MAYOR'S SCHEME

For Doing Something That Has Long Been Considered Desirable.

A NEW METHOD SUGGESTED BY HIM

For Tunnelling the Hill for a Roadway From the Second Ward to the Valley of Wheeling Creek—It Would Not Cost Much and Would Have Many Advantages.

The recent refusal of the prisoners in the workhouse to work on the cleaning of the Vigilant engine house cellar has caused some talk in the city about the prisoners and the advisability of sending men to work on things that do no good. Mayor Seabright has a scheme which looks like a good one at first blush. He outlined it to an INTELLIGENCER reporter the other evening. It has been for years a sort of a dream of public spirited citizens that if the big Wheeling hill could not be removed, as there seems little probability now that it ever can, there might some day be a roadway through a tunnel from Tenth street to McColloch, east of the hill. This would give people in the upper end of the city convenient access to that part of the town and the country east of the hill without the long drive around the East Wheeling route or the tough climb over Fulton hill, and would let people from the country east of town in to attend market much more easily, conveniently and directly than now. Indeed, the advantages of such a tunnel are so many and so apparent that they do not need to be dwelt upon. There were several years ago a proposition made in sober earnest to organize a company, obtain a charter and construct this tunnel, charging toll to make up the cost. It was thought the income would make a handsome dividend on the investment.

The mayor's scheme is a little different. He says that almost daily men are brought before him on charges of vagrancy or drunkenness, who cannot pay their fines, and if fined must go to the hill, where they are a source of expense to the city without any compensating good. He usually lets them go on their promising to leave town, and they do not leave, but are brought up again in a day or two, and he is compelled finally to send them up to the hill, where they are well fed and all the work they accomplish is a solemn farce.

Were there any gain to the city to have these men in prison the mayor says he could have five or six times as many men in the work house all the time as he now has, and in time the tramp nuisance would thus be solved. His idea is to keep the work house full, keep the "bums" off the streets and out of the way of temptation to steal or do wrong, and accomplish a piece of work at very little cost, which would be worth big money to the community. He would put all work house prisoners to work on the proposed tunnel. They would not cost any more, if as much, as it now costs to maintain the work house, and in a few years the tunnel would be completed. This he thinks is a solution of several questions—what to do with the "vags," and easy access to that large section, "around the hill," being two of them.

THE CITY PRISON MANAGEMENT

Secured by the Fire Committee—The Work on the Vigilant Cellar to be Done by Contract.

The council committee on fire department had a lively meeting last night, and the members spoke their minds. The refusal of the work house prisoners to clean out the cellar of the Vigilant engine house and the inability of Superintendent Rodenbaugh to cope with their refusal to do the job, have already been fully treated of in the INTELLIGENCER. Last night the committee on fire department met to devise means to have the work done.

The management of the work house was hauled back and forth over the coals at a lively rate. The law regulating the workings of the city prison was read. It plainly states that the mayor is authorized to order the employment of the prisoners on any municipal works. It was repeated in the committee meeting that one of the work house guards had stated that he'd be damned if he would order the men to work in such a place, thus encouraging the prisoners in their obstinacy. Chairman Happy, of the fire department and Mr. Wiede-busch, chairman of the committee on city prison, both visited the premises in question, and stated that while the cellar is a little muddy, there is absolutely no reason why the prisoners should think themselves too delicate for the work. The mud is nowhere shoe-top deep, and in some places only covers the shoe soles. It is estimated that ten men can do the job in a day.

If the superintendent put the prisoners on bread and water at the time he said he did, and has been serving such limited rations ever since, the men must be pretty nearly broken in, as fourteen days of bread and water would fracture the proudest spirit. While the city may lose the money which will have to be paid to get the work done by more robust and less squeamish labor than is herded in the workhouse, she will of course get the benefit of the reduction in expenditures caused by the present scale of low living. Beef, beans and ham and eggs cost money, whereas bread is cheap and water costs nothing. The cracks between the planks will be stopped up this week, lest the prisoners, having grown thin, might slip through and be carried away by the wind.

As the committee could see no way out of the difficulty, in the face of Superintendent Rodenbaugh's apparent helplessness, Chairman Happy was authorized to contract for and have the work done. Provision will be made for the drainage of the cellar to flow into the well which has been dug. There is no sewer leading from the engine house, and the drainage will be siphoned out of the well until the city is prepared to construct a sewer. The chairman was also instructed to have an excavation dug for the retaining wall to be built back of the house to protect adjacent property.

One of the members suggested that a resolution be sent to Council censuring the management of the city prison, but concluded not to press the resolution, but to leave appropriate action to the committee on city prison, which should be able to deal with the question.

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ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

W. S. Martin, of Morgantown, is at the St. Charles.

B. C. Bridgeman, of New Martinsville, is at the Behler.

W. H. Lee, of Burton, registered at the McLure yesterday.

Major J. C. Alderson, came in from the Interior yesterday.

C. S. Howell, of Pittsburgh, took dinner at the Stamm yesterday.

W. N. Carr and wife, of Huntington, registered yesterday at the Behler.

Henry Biehleke, of the Eighth ward, is still down with the rheumatism.

George H. Nicolai, of the "Barrel of Money" company, is at the Behler.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Campbell, of Parkersburg, are at the Stamm House.

Thirteen members of the "Little Puck" company put up yesterday at the Behler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stewart, of Mannington, took supper at the Stamm yesterday.

Councilman M. Bailey and his bride have returned home from their bridal tour in the East.

J. C. Williams has gone to Parkersburg and Marietta on a business trip for McAnly & Peters.

C. L. Moore, of Proctor, and J. S. Furbee, of Mannington, registered yesterday at the McLure house.

David Grubb, of Marietta, Ohio, brother of G. W. Grubb, of South Market street, is visiting relatives in this city.

Business Manager George H. Nicolas, of the "Barrel of Money" company, which will be seen at the Grand next Monday and Tuesday, is in the city.

A. F. Gerstell, of Cumberland, Md., arrived in town yesterday and put up at the McLure house. He will represent the Standard Oil company here.

Mrs. Kate Moffit, of Brownsville, and Miss Virginia L. Hopkins, of Wheeling, are guests at the home of Miss Kate M. Hopkins, of East Beau street.—Washington, Pa., Reporter.

Mr. J. Glenn Cook, general manager of the Moundsville Mining and Manufacturing Company, was here yesterday, and reports the affairs of the company flourishing like a green bay tree.

Mr. H. G. Snow, general agent of the Gilmore band, was here yesterday making arrangements for the appearance of the band at the Opera House Friday afternoon and evening, December 11.

A letter was received the other day by Chauncey Dewey, stating that his father, Mr. O. C. Dewey, had set sail from Japan for India, and would in all probability not return home before next June.

Miss Mollie Miller, a popular young lady of the East End, entertained the "Pastime Club" at her home Saturday evening. Music and dancing were the order of the evening, and a most delightful time was spent by all present.

Annie Lippencott, the leading lady of the "Birds of a Feather" company, is a daughter of Grace Greenwood, the famous Washington correspondent. Miss Lippencott received her musical education in Europe under the direction of the famous Madame Marchise. Miss Lippencott has made a hit with "Birds of a Feather."

Mrs. James Hasely, nee Margaret Ripley, formerly a well-known Wheeling lady, and a sister of Mrs. W. H. Hastings, of this city, died at her home in Indianapolis last week and was buried there. Mrs. Hasely had many friends and relatives in Wheeling, and the news of her death will be read here with general regret.

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G. J. WEBSTER, of Harrisville, will sell a lot of fine horses at auction on December 15.

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NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interests.

The reports from above were:

Morgantown—5 feet and stationary; weather clear and cool.

Brownsville—7 feet and stationary; weather clear and cool.

Warren—3 feet 7 inches and falling; weather clear and cold.

The Matt F. Allen and the Andes left for Pittsburgh yesterday morning.

Yesterday was the first day of the change in the R. E. Phillips's time table. She leaves Wheeling on her last trip at 5:30 p. m. and Bellaire at 6 p. m.

When Capt. Ed Maddy gets through with the new steamer Telegraph, the construction of which he superintended, he will resume command of the Congo in the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati trade.

The Harry Brown would have been sent on through to New Orleans this trip, but her shaft being cracked and liable to let go at any time, it was deemed best to have her return home from Louisville. A new one is being made for her.

DIED.

SMITH—On Sunday morning, November 29, 1891, at 5:30 o'clock, Mrs. JANE W., wife of R. M. Smith, in her 75th year.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 2122 Market street, Tuesday, December 1st, at 1:30 p. m. No flowers, by request.

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